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Inventor(s): RAYMOND R. RACKLEY et al.**Examiner:** THANH, Loan H.**Appln. No.:** 10/084,240**Group Art Unit:** 3763**Filing Date:** February 27, 2002**Docket No.** 54459-237216

Title: BULKING AGENT NEEDLE
 APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
 USING THE NEEDLE
 APPARATUS

Attached for filing in connection with the above-captioned patent application are the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page)
2. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$395 for the RCE filing fee

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**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.**

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	10/084,240
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 27, 2002
<i>Examiner Name</i>	THANH, Loan H.
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	RAYMOND R. RACKLEY et al.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3763
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	54459-237216

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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- a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on: January 18, 2005
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ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on:

iii. Other

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other

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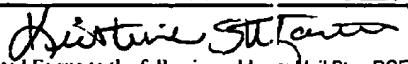
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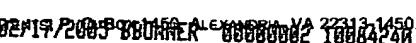
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